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### Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** February 2, 2011 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Chair:** Blake Trask

**Vice Chair:** Max Hepp-Buchanan

**Recorder:** Sean Cryan

**Location:** Seattle City Hall, L280

#### Minutes Distribution List:

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#### Members Present:

Ann Boyd; Allegra Calder; Jodi Connolly; Sean Cryan; Max Hepp-Buchanan (Vice Chair); Neal Komedal; Anna Telensky; Blake Trask (Chair); Jean White

#### Members Absent:

Matthew Crane; Gabe Grijalva; Kelsey Jones-Casey

#### Guests:

Tracy Burrows, Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT); Barbara Gray, SDOT; Doug Cox, SDOT; Rebecca Deeher, Office of the Mayor; Patrick Donohue, Parks Department; Gary Johnson, Department of Planning and Development (DPD); Amalia Leighton, SvR Design; Nate Cormier, SvR Design; Jace Brien; Doug Beman

#### MEETING CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Blake Trask.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

- A local bike messenger expressed appreciation that the counterflow lane in the area around 1700 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue didn't go through and is hoping that it doesn't. Traffic to I-5 is very heavy there and would create a conflict if the lane was implemented.
- Doug Beeman mentioned that the City has a tracking system for reporting street lights that are out. One must list the pole number when reporting. There is a delay related to the fact that the tracking system uses the pole number as an address, and they don't run on the same system as the street numbering, so the map tracks incorrect locations for the lights.

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the city on matters related to bicycling, and the impacts which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

-City Council  
Resolution 25534

## PRESENTATIONS

*Time:* 6:10 p.m.

### **Topic:** 2011 City of Seattle Budget

*Presenters:* Tracy Burrows, Barbara Gray, and Rebecca Deehr, SDOT

*Purpose:* Provide a briefing on the budget related to bicycle infrastructure development

#### *CTAC III Overview:*

- Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC III) is under way with a 14 member appointed committee, making recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on transportation funding, including bicycle funding.
- The financial situation is dire. Their budget is based on Mayor's budget.
- In 2010, City Council formed a Transportation Benefits District for the \$20 Vehicle License Fee. CTAC III is to advise on the use of that fee.
- Task 1 for CTAC III is preservation and maintenance, enhancing pedestrian and bicycle mobility and improving mobility for people with disabilities.
- Task 2 is to put together transportation funding ballot measure, possibly for a vote in 2012. They should finish by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
- The context of their work is the Comprehensive Plan, the Climate Action Plan, the Transportation Strategic Plan, the Bridging the Gap Levy, Transit Master Plan, local and regional ballot measures and State legislative actions.
- Work products include a May 2011 recommendation on the allocation of the \$20 fee and a June 2011 recommendation on methods for prioritizing transportation projects. The recommendation on the transportation ballot measure still has to be scheduled.
- CTAC III is currently doing extensive public outreach to define priorities, targeting underserved groups.
- Bike, Ped and Freight Boards all have roles in this advisory board. In early March, CTAC III will be receiving a presentation on the Walk-Bike-Ride initiative. SDOT would like to know if SBAB can assist in part of the presentation, and help in the prioritization of bicycle improvements as part of that package.
- There is a large gap in the funding for Bicycle Master Plan (BMP) implementation. SDOT expressed interested in SBAB helping to define the big projects that should be done earlier. The 5-year BMP update is also coming up soon, and in addition to the arterial networks, we will be focusing on the neighborhood, family friendly networks. It needs to be resolved how SBAB interacts with CTAC III and with SDOT on these implementation projects and priorities.

#### *2011 Budget for Bicycle Master Plan Activities*

- The \$1.9 million for Walk-Bike-Ride 2011 projects, includes approximately \$300,000 to fund bicycle projects, specifically a bicycle boulevard parallel to Rainier Ave S. The projected Walk-Bike-Ride amounts to \$3.9M. This funding is additive to Bridging the Gap funding.
- Funds for bicycle improvements are as follows:

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>
<i>BMP Implementation</i>	<i>3.2M</i>	<i>3.3M</i>
<i>Urban Trails and Bikeways Spot Improvements</i>	<i>0.834M</i>	<i>0.85M</i>
<i>Bikespot Safety for Specific Call Response</i>	<i>0.3M</i>	<i>0.4M</i>
<i>Walk-Bike-Ride Improvements</i>	<i>1.9M</i>	<i>3.9M</i>

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*Time:* 7:00 p.m.

**Topic:** Biking Bell Street Park

*Presenter:* Patrick Donohue, Parks Department; Nate Cormier and Amalia Leighton, SvR Design

*Purpose:* Review Design of Bell Street Park for comments

*Overview:*

- In 2008 4 blocks of Bell Street from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> were identified to convert a non-arterial street and change the way that bikes, pedestrians and cars interact.
- Goals were to be: Safe (#1 Community priority), Vibrant and Green.
- The design will: Reclaim the public right of way; elevate the street to keep things at curb height, not street height; and mix uses and move the roadway to call attention to the flexible activities occurring along the street.
- Design challenges include maintaining a minimum 17' wide zone for rapid response fire lane without encouraging drivers to form two lanes; increasing quality and quantity of lighting; maintaining safety for cars, trucks, buses, bikes and pedestrians.
- There are no bus stops along this section, so pull over locations will not be incorporated into the Park's design.
- Control joints are planned to run along diagonals of the diagonally gridded street. One SBAB member noted that this design could be dangerous for bike tires because the joints are not perpendicular to the direction of travel.
- There is no plan for sharrows along the route – this is a street park. One SBAB member suggested placing bike boxes in front of the crosswalks at the Avenue crossings to make bikes more visible to motor vehicles positioned behind the stop bar.
- There is some potential for “No Right on Red” signage along Bell St. for bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Stormwater facilities will be provided with planters collecting street water to filter it and send it on to the combined sewer system.
- There will be an elimination of a travel lane and parking. 76 parking stalls along the route will be reduced to 29. The neighborhood businesses support this for the benefits of an attractive pedestrian environment.
- Bicycle parking is planned for every block on the north side of the street.
- Because Bell Street is not an arterial, mid-block crossings are permitted. The alleys will be well lit, encouraging pedestrian cross traffic.
- Signage will be explicit about the use of the street.
- Project information is available on the Seattle Park's Bell Street Park web page

*SBAB Comments/Questions:*

- SBAB strongly supports the project, and appreciates the presentation and opportunity to comment.
- SBAB supports the use of a shared roadway, and does not recommend designating separated bike lanes.

*SBAB Recommendations:*

- SBAB recommends developing bike parking on both sides of the street.
  - SBAB recommends the transfer of the lessons learned on this project to other urban greenways.
  - SBAB encourages the consideration of the “No Right on Red” possibility.
  - SBAB encourages the team to monitor and document the loss of parking and benefits and losses overall as lessons for the City for future projects.
  - SBAB supports the development of special signage for this type of roadway.
  - SBAB recommends consideration of bike boxes at the intersections with the avenues.
  - SBAB recommends control joints that are perpendicular to the direction of travel so they are not a road hazard for bicyclists.
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*Time:* 7:40 p.m.

**Topic:** SDOT Update

*Presenter:* Doug Cox, SDOT

*Purpose:* Update SBAB on SDOT’s activities

- The 30 miles of bicycle improvements planned for this year has been reduced to less than 30 miles in 2011 – Doug Cox will send SBAB an additional update.
  - The Bike Map has been updated for distribution at the Bike Expo in March. Map anomalies from the 2010 map have been addressed.
  - SDOT has a new potholes reporting map for use in filling potholes.
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*Time:* 7:50 p.m.

**Topic:** Committee and/or Board Member Updates

*Presenters:* SBAB Members

*Purpose:* Provide updates on Committee meetings attended by SBAB members

- BTG update on Fairview and Fairview project:
  - 30 percent design narrows the throat at the intersection for pedestrian safety.
  - Parking in the dry dock area will remain the same.
  - 60 percent design will be in the next month or so.
  - Project is scheduled for construction this year.
- SBAB should develop a spreadsheet for the hot spots and topics for our meetings over the next year, as well as our focus and a focus for SDOT.
- SBAB’s Mercer West design notes and comments will be forwarded to the Mercer West design team/ SDOT project manager.

- SBAB needs to follow up whether the First Hill Streetcar project will include Yesler cycle tracks or not; SBAB is interested in more protected lanes between Yesler Terrace and Bailey Gatzert Elementary.
- The Freight Advisory Board has started meeting in the mornings. The support from SDOT at these meetings appears significant.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

- Blake Trask adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **February 2011 Meeting Minutes Distribution List:**

Michael McGinn, Mayor, City of Seattle

Rebecca Deehr, Strategic Advisor for Policy and Outreach, Office of the Mayor

City Councilmember Tom Rasmussen, Transportation Committee Chair

Peter Hahn, Director, Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)

Sam Woods, Manager, Bicycle, Pedestrian & Neighborhood Program & Project Development, SDOT

Diane Sugimura, Director, Department of Planning and Development (DPD)

Bernie Agor Matsuno, Interim Director, Department of Neighborhoods (DoN)

Doug Cox, Assistant Transportation Planner, SDOT Liaison

Eric Widstrand, Traffic Operations Manager, SDOT

Allie Gerlach, SDOT Communications

Meeting Presenters: Tracy Burrows and Barbara Gray, SDOT; Rebecca Deehr, Office of the Mayor;

Patrick Donohue, Parks Department; Nate Cormier and Amalia Leighton, SvR Design

City of Seattle Council Transportation Committee Members

City of Seattle Neighborhood District Coordinators

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board (SBAB) Board Members

Individual Meeting Attendees